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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEETING

1. OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HELD FIRST MEETING OF NEW YEAR FEBRUARY 10 TO DISCUSS CHAIRMAN SEVILLA-SACASA'S DRAFT OF FIFTEENTH REPORT TO PARENT BODY, XIII MEETING OF CONSULTATION. CHAIRMAN CITED CERTAIN EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS IN BILATERAL CONTACTS, INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF MORE FLEXIBLE FONMIN PERDOMO IN HONDURAS, BORGONOVO FLIGHT TO TEGUCIGALPA AND CURRENT BILATERAL TALKS IN MIAMI, AS POSITIVE FACTORS THAT COULD NOT BE DIRECTLY CITED IN REPORT.

2. LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED OF WORDING OF FINAL  
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SECTION OF DRAFT IMPLICITLY QUESTIONING NEED FOR COMMITTEE  
OF SEVEN OR MEETING OF CONSULTATION TO CONTINUE IN

OPERATION DUE TO CONTINUING FAILURE OF TWO COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO REACH FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTIONS TO DIFFERENCES.

3. ARGENTINA AND ECUADOR SHOWED IMPATIENCE WITH EQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE OF DRAFT AND SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATION THAT MEETING OF CONSULTATION BE CONVENED TO CONSIDER PRESSING BOTH SIDES FOR EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS.

4. CITING APPARENT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS, USDEL WHITE QUESTIONED WHETHER ANY RECOMMENDATION TO END WORK OF COMMITTEE MIGHT NOT BE MISINTERPRETED AND PERHAPS ENDANGER CURRENT DELICATE BALANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

5. GUATEMALA'S CASTILLO ARIOLA REFUSED TO ASSOCIATE HIS COUNTRY IN ANY EFFORT TO QUESTION ROLE OF COMMITTEE OR XIII TH MEETING OF CONSULTATION WITHOUT REFERRING MATTER PREVIOUSLY TO ALL COUNTRIES MOST INVOLVED, SPECIFICALLY HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR AND NEIGHBORING CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES.

6. OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT REDRAFT OF REPORT SHOULD BE EVEN LESS SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT ACTION MEETING OF CONSULTATION SHOULD TAKE BUT ALL CONCEDED THAT EARLY CONVO-CATION OF MEETING PROBABLY NECESSARY IF SERIOUS PROGRESS TO BE MADE TOWARD LASTING SETTLEMENT. EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND OTHER INTERESTED STATES WILL THUS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ARGUE FOR RETAINING COMMITTEE OF SEVEN AND MEETING OF CONSULTATION WHILE OTHER MEMBER STATES CAN PRESS FOR EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS, E.G. OPENING OF FRONTIER, REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ETC. SEVILLA-SACASA WILL REWRITE REPORT, CIRCULATE LETTER, AND HOLD ANOTHER MEETING TO DISCUSS IT.  
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